

## ALBUQUERQUE IS DELAYING FORMATION OF NEW LEAGUE

Pueblo, Colorado Springs and El Paso Lined Up, Trinidad is Getting Ready For Action and Amarillo Will Complete Six Club Circuit; Kansas City Nine to Go to Duke City if Arrangements Are Made.

BY "BECK"

ALBUQUERQUE seems to be the stumbling block of the Rio Grande baseball league for the 1916 season. Pueblo, Colorado Springs and El Paso are already lined up. An organizer of experience is now in Trinidad and a couple of other towns in the north are seeking the sixth franchise but the Duke City, which is important to the circuit as it "breaks the jump," is slow in warming up.

J. A. Harden, an experienced baseball man, has charge of the organization of the Albuquerque club. He came down to El Paso for the week end and states that while things are a bit slow in getting started in the Duke City, he has little doubt that the fans there will line up in plenty of time for the opening of the season.

**Wants Stock Company.**  
Mr. Harden's proposition to the fans of Albuquerque is that they subscribe equally with him in a stock company. Several hundred dollars have already been pledged and a committee from the Commercial league is now endeavoring to complete the organization.

Amarillo is the latest town to be seriously considered for the circuit. Trinidad is very anxious to break into organized baseball and this would give the circuit five good towns. One other is needed and a prominent cattleman who was in the city on Tuesday suggested that Amarillo would be the ideal town.

**How About Amarillo?**  
If Amarillo is considered, the schedule will be so drawn that the teams will come to El Paso over the Santa Fe, playing Albuquerque en route, and return over the Texas and Pacific through Amarillo. This would make a compact six-club circuit, but would depend largely upon getting satisfactory railroad rates for Amarillo.

**Kansas City Nine For Duke.**  
The team for Albuquerque and Colorado Springs are already lined up. John Falkner will lead the Kansas City nine to the Duke City as soon as the organization there is completed. Jimmy Dunn is now in Oakland, completing the organization of his team while manager Slacker, of Pueblo, is planning to use a number of good semiprofessionals who have been playing around Denver.

All the managers unite in the declaration that they can get good teams under the suggested \$1200 limit. This will enable all the clubs to live and make a little money on the season as every one of the cities, excepting Pueblo, has its baseball park ready.

A close checking of transportation expenses shows that it will cost the El Paso team, for instance, \$955 to make the trip to Albuquerque, Pueblo and

Colorado Springs. The plan of John J. McCloskey is that the visiting clubs will get only \$200 per week and trust to making their profits at home, there being no profit of the game.

This would mean that the El Paso club, to meet all expenses, will have to draw \$1000 a week at home and there is no doubt among the long fans that this can be done. Good crowds on Saturday and Sunday would take care of this amount and let the other three games of the week go into the reserve treasury.

If there are six clubs, the Mackmen will make four trips north. Two trips would take in Pueblo and Colorado Springs and the other three cities would be taken in on the other two trips. This second series of trips, by the way, would cost less than the trip to Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

**PETE LEYVA MOTORS  
BACK FROM THE COAST**

Pete Leyva, pitcher for the Krackjacks and the Shilton-Tayns last season and a candidate for the twelfth staff of the Mackmen this year, returned from a vacation in California, Monday. Accompanied by Jimmy and Arthur Leary, Leyva made his trip from Los Angeles in a Winton "Six" touring car.

No effort was made for speed on the journey and it occupied five days. The roads in the western part of Arizona have not yet been put in the best of shape after the recent floods and the tourists had their share of troubles. In the Yuma district, two bridges are out and the ferries which are in operation charge \$5 for taking an auto across the stream.

Some close was found around Port Huachuca but not enough to cause any trouble. Through most of New Mexico, the roads are reported to be in fine condition.

Leyva is considerably heavier than he was last season and reports himself in first class condition. He worked out with the semi-pros in Los Angeles and pitched three games there, winning two. Leyva also had a couple of workouts with the Vernon team of the coast league but frankly admits he isn't quite in their class yet.

It is just possible that Pete will tie up with one of the teams in the Commercial league in shape until the season of the professionals opens and if the Krackjacks are given a franchise at tonight's meeting of the league he will likely be found doing duty for "Curly" Smith's aggregation.

## SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE--BY BRIGGS



## AMATEUR BOXERS DEFEND TITLES

Canadian and Kansas City Boxers Make Showing in Pistie Tournament.

Boston, Mass., April 4.—Two national champions appeared to defend their title at the opening of the national amateur boxing championship tournament Monday night. Tony Vallan of this city, holder of the 115 pound title, went through the semi-finals by winning a rugged bout from William Jones, also a Boston entrant. Adolph Kaufman, of Brooklyn, title holder of the 135 pound class, entered the semi-finals without opposition. Canadian and Kansas City boxers made the best showing of the out of town entrants. The feature of the night was the 115 pound class between John Perry of this city and Joseph Chavaler of Montreal, Quebec. They stood toe to toe and swapped punches for three rounds before Perry was given the decision.

By disposing of F. Myers, of the Union Settlement A. C. of New York, in one round in the 125 pound class, Roy Helton, of Kansas City, scored his eighth consecutive knockout. Most of the bouts went the usual three round limit.

Hard fighting with the decisions as close that the crowd often expressed its disapproval, marked the second round in the 125 and 145 pound classes.

In the 145 pound class, Roy Helton of Kansas City and Elmer Laplace of Detroit, had a stiff battle in which Helton apparently had the best of the four rounds. Laplace came so far in the third round that many of the spectators disagreed when the decision was given to Helton. Another hard bout in this class came when Eugene Broseman of Montreal, won over Martin Burke of New Orleans.

In the 125 pound class, Tommy Miller of Boston and Thomas H. Fowler of Norwood furnished the most excitement. The judges disagreed on a verdict and the referee then awarded the decision to Miller.

## BIG BIG SUMS FOR "BABY RAGERS": HARNESS COLTS ARE IN DEMAND

Saint Frusquin, Less Than Yearling, Brings \$5600; Two Other Colts, Bought By Same Horseman, Swell Total to More Than \$10,000; Famous Pacers, Hal Boy-White Sox, Will Race For a \$5000 Purse.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Harness races involving two and three year olds, which will be stellar features of all the big circuit meetings in the future, has created an ever growing demand for the "baby" trotters and pacers.

Every campaigner of the light harness horse is hounding around these days for some good looking youngsters, and whenever there is a yearling with breeding that promises something sensational within the next few years, there are a dozen men eager to buy him.

Trainers and owners from all parts of the country attended the recent Fasig-Tipton auction in New York, and the greatest interest centered in the young horses. Saint Frusquin, regarded as the prize of the yearlings, was sold to Walter Cox, the Dover, N. H. trainer, after some of the most spirited bidding that ever was done at a horse sale.

**Cox Pays Record Price.**  
There were nearly a dozen men who wanted Saint Frusquin, which is by San Francisco, out of Melindred, but when the price began to run wild into the thousands, the bulk of them became silent, while they looked on in the most disinterested manner.

The price gradually was boosted over the \$2000 mark and when Cox uttered \$5500, he realized the deal. He wanted him just a wee bit more and that Cox was willing to bid still higher, if necessary.

The \$5500 paid by Cox for Saint Frusquin is a record figure for so young a horse. Some years ago \$1500 was paid for Polaris, but he was a full fledged yearling, whereas Saint Frusquin will not be 12 months old until the middle of April.

**Fancy Figures for Others.**  
Cox went to that auction resolved to get the best looking youngsters in the "baby" class, and he did. He got them in addition to purchasing Saint Frusquin, he got Praxion by San Francisco, out of Tal-

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## On the 19th Hole

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Although no plans have been given out yet, it is understood that something like 2000 squares feet will be devoted to the miniature nine hole links on the new Garden pier at Atlantic City. This will have a height of 75 feet which will enable the enthusiast to make realistic shots to his heart's content. It is believed that there will be a resident professional on hand all of the time, and that the playing fee will be so small as to stand in the way of no one.

Even though golfers go to Florida for the winter months, they don't escape the cold. In the tournament at Belleair recently the professionals had an odd experience. At the time some of them started the thermometer registered 90 degrees. A storm, icy cold, which overtook them by the time they reached the 19th tee sent the mercury down to 40. At least this is the story offered by some of the pros who failed to get in the money.

The first ball player to come under the ban of the new amateur ruling of the United States Golf association is Fred Merkle, first baseman, of the Giants. The occasion was when Merkle turned in the best score in the qualifying round of a tournament at Ormond, Fla. The officials of the club refused to recognize Merkle as an amateur, and an appeal was made to the national association, with the result that Merkle was barred from participating in amateur events. Professionalism in baseball was given as the reason. It was only recently that "Tillie" Schuler of baseball fame was reinstated as an amateur after going on record as stating that he was through with professional baseball. This edict puts all ball players out of the running as far as amateur golf is concerned.

The trials and tribulations of a professional are many, and here is a story from the west, about a member of the salaried brigade, who had been striving diligently to instruct an old gentile-

## IN BOYLAND

HERE is another of last year's star teams getting back into the game. The Feldman Seniors are now on deck and open for games, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, both morning and afternoon games on Sundays. Their average weight is 160 pounds and the team is managed by Percie Welch, whose phone number is 421. They will also consider Saturday afternoon games.

Feldman Seniors will play their home games on the Vilas school grounds. They want their opponents to come to the school, a clock as all the boys are going to school.

Manager Welch says that he can use a couple more players but they must be good. Boys who want to try out with the Feldman Seniors are advised to get in touch with him at once.

Following are the players already signed by the Feldman Seniors and the positions they have been allotted: Roy Strahan and Percie Welch, cf; Rondo Feathers and Frank Gillett, p; Gustave Seligman, lb; Elmer Strahan or Walsh, what play second when not catching; Carl Benneberger, 2b; Bruce Schiller, ss; Thomas Machery, cf; Claude Templeton, cf; Tim Sullivan, rf.

The Oaklanders claim a perfect game from the Feldman Seniors, whose Tigers did not show up for a game Monday afternoon at the C. A. A. grounds.

The Oakland lineup was to have been: Hamilton, cf; Snyder, p; Booth, lb; Dugger, 2b; Agnew, 3b; Kinnear, ss; Johnson, rf; Woodward, cf; Seaton, rf.

The Oaklanders want a game with any of the following teams for Saturday afternoon: Feldman Juniors, Orchard Park or where the game takes place.

man, who was particularly anxious to become proficient in the game. Week after week and month after month the struggle continued, but the passing years witnessed but little improvement. Disappointed in his failure to attain perfection, the old gentleman reluctantly arrived at the conclusion that there must exist some deep mystery which his instructor was withholding from him, and one day grasping his mentor by the shoulders, he cried, and his voice trembled with emotion:

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## "BECK'S" AMEN CORNER

BY "BECK"

COAST league gets under way this afternoon for the season. President Allan T. Baum asserts that the most successful year in the history of baseball on the coast is now in prospect and that the various clubs of the league are prepared to play faster and better baseball.

BIG league clubs are now getting back to their home lots for the National and American circuits will be listening to the brass bands of opening day in another ten days.

TALKING of brass bands, the Commercial leaguers are going to have all the "trimmings" of opening day next Sunday afternoon at Rio Grande park. There will be a band and president W. H. Pelphrey is going to ascend the mound to heave the first ball. If mayor Tom Lea can be persuaded that his fellow lawyer will throw straight, he may go behind the bat.

ONE of the most interesting, as well as the most amusing ways of spending an odd half hour, according to one of the devotees of driver and iron, is to sit down near the first tee of any crowded links and carefully watch the various styles assumed by the players as they attempt the ordeal of hitting the ball away. There is a delightful charm about watching others twisting themselves in a thousand and one different contortions in an endeavor to interpret the ideally correct swing, especially when the looker-on is not for the moment engaged in the same operation. "Indoor sports" has nothing on this.

COMMERCIAL league magnates will meet at the office of prexy Pelphrey this evening. The matter of awarding extra franchises will come up and the schedule for the first part of the season will be drawn.

TEXAS league cities are showing considerable interest in the proposed new circuit for the Rio Grande league and it is just possible that arrangements for "farming" Texas league players in this circuit will be made when the Rio Grande gets under way.

PETE LEYVA is back from California, ten pounds heavier than last year and looking in condition to pitch championship baseball. Pete says that he hasn't any doubt that he will make good in the professional ranks this year.

MOTORISTS who plan trips to California are advised that two of the bridges in the Yuma district are "out" and that the ferryman are not at all backward in sticking to the price. In fact, it costs \$5 per car to cross on each ferry.

HOCKEY has long been looked upon as a purely Canadian sport, but the recent world's championship series at Montreal saw the Portland, Ore., team competing against the Canadiens of Montreal. The Canucks won but the Portland team gave a good account of itself. Perhaps a few years more will see a Canadian team competing in the world's baseball series.

FRED FULTON is to get a chance in New York. His first opponent will be Al Reich. If Reich is right, Fulton will have no easy pickings, but the former amateur champion is one of the "in and out" type. He is very good when he is good and very bad other times. If Fulton beats Reich he is to get a crack at Moran, so the promoters say. And his manager says that when he beats Moran he will meet Willard. We haven't heard from Moran and Willard on the subject yet.

WHEN the first announcement of the Fulton matches in New York was made, manager Mike Collins was quoted as naming Tex Rickard as one of the promoters. This caused Tex to come out with a prompt denial. And it hasn't helped to give the Fulton-Collins combination any too good a standing.

"RED" FULWIDER, last season with Tucson, turned down a chance with the Portland club of the Coast league and has signed to pitch for Russ Hall's Tacoma club in the Northwestern. "Red" should make good, too.

SCHUPP and Schauer, looked upon as two "certainties" for the pitching staff of the Giants this year, appear to be heading for the minors. Rube Schauer is carded to work for the Rochester Internationals, while it is probable that Schupp will also go to Tommy Leach's club. By the way, Leach seems to be assembling a machine which should be as famous as the one John Gabel had in the Flower City a few years ago.

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